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PRESS RELEASE

STATE IS PREPARED FOR WINTRY CONDITIONS

BATON ROUGE (January 9, 2011) – Based on wintry weather forecasted for North, Central, and some parts of Southeast Louisiana, Governor Bobby Jindal and State agencies continue to monitor hazardous conditions. The Governor declared a State of Emergency last night to better facilitate the State's rapid response to parish requests for assistance.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Crisis Action Team (CAT) is currently active to monitor for rain, sleet, snow and other possible hazardous conditions that could impact parts of Louisiana over the next couple of days. GOHSEP also remains in contact with the National Weather Service (NWS) and parish officials in the event state resources are requested. GOHSEP personnel are located in each region to assist impacted parishes.

Louisiana State Police (LSP) has extra troopers on standby to monitor hazardous road conditions, the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) remains on standby to assist with the de-icing of roads and the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) is also on standby and prepared to assist if needed.

GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper said, "Please pay close attention to your local weather forecasts, should icy conditions force people to stay off the roads. Remember, icy tree limbs can easily cause downed power lines, and your elderly and disabled loved ones or neighbors may need additional assistance if areas lose power." Cooper added, "It's a good idea to have some extra food and other supplies on hand if you're not able to leave home."

For more information on how to keep your family safe in an emergency, visit www.getagameplan.org.

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